

HOUSE BILL 3308

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 5; Title 68 and Title 69, relative to the study of mercury levels in state rivers and streams.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

69-3-1\_\_\_. The department of environment and conservation shall undertake a study of mercury levels present in state rivers and streams. The study shall utilize existing funds and data to identify rivers and streams that contain levels of mercury in water and aquatic life in excess of standards established by the environmental protection agency. The study shall include, to the extent possible, the source of mercury contamination and plans for remediation activities. The department shall present the findings of the study to the general assembly by January 1, 2013.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.